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SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Sir, as the answer is too long a statement I request the supplementary questions may be taken up on the next working day."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If the hon. Member is present that day, we will take it up that day."

Number of bus chassis allotted to the districts.

* 86 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new bus chassis have been allotted for the last twelve months to each district in the Province;

(*b*) the number of existing buses in each district;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Kurnool District Road Traffic Board till recently did not sanction any new routes while in other districts, soon after the formation of the Boards, several routes were sanctioned; and

(*d*) whether on the seven routes that were sanctioned in Kurnool, owners are directed to produce gas-plant buses?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The answers are in the affirmative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the reforms which the Hon. Minister for Motor Transport stated on the occasion of the discussion of the Motor Vehicles Bill have been carried out or propose to carry them out in regard to the office of the Regional Transport Authority? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" They will certainly be carried when the Bill is assented to by the Governor-General."

Quantity of petrol supplied to the districts.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantities of petrol supplied to each of the districts;

(*b*) whether Kurnool being a district bordered by the Nizam's Dominions most of the petrol is consumed by the Government staff for patrolling the border; and

(*c*) whether petrol has been refused for the newly sanctioned bus routes in Kurnool district recently?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) Government have no information as allotments of petrol are not made districtwar.

" (*b*) The quota allotted for private vehicles is not in any way affected because a separate allotment of petrol has been made for vehicles used by the Police and other officers patrolling the border.

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"(c) The answer is in the affirmative. The needs of the Rayalaseema area however are being given due consideration considering its backward conditions."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether the petrol rationing is likely to end in the near future?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"Not in the very near future, Sir."

Implementing the decisions of the Industrial Conference.

*88 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) what action this Government have taken to implement the decision of the Industrial Conference convened by the Government of India and the decisions taken at the Tripartite Conferences in regard to (a) housing, (b) machinery for fixation of minimum wages, (c) legislation for enforcement of the awards of Industrial Tribunals, and for action being taken against employers closing down their work during such proceedings before the Tribunal or after the award in the concerned dispute;

(b) whether there have been any instances of violation of the awards of Industrial Tribunals in the Province, what they are, and what action the Government took in the cases;

(c) whether any factories were closed or have given notice of closure, when industrial dispute between them and their workers are pending or have been adjudicated by Industrial Tribunals;

(d) whether the Maxwell Engineering Works, Durga Foundry and the Essor Engineering Works have been closed in the above manner; and

(e) what action the Government have so far taken in the cases referred to in particular and generally for enforcement of respect for law and authority?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(a) The Government of India have decided to construct a million houses for workers and they are working out the financial and administrative details for this. These details are awaited from the Government of India; (b) The Government are considering the question of appointing Committees for fixing minimum wages according to the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act; and (c) The question of tightening up the penal provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act is under consideration.

"(b) Yes, Sir. In such cases the Government have ordered the District Magistrates concerned to prosecute the offenders under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. A statement[a] showing the name of the concern, the nature of offence and the stage or result of the prosecution is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 270–273 infra.